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SUBJECT: NOAA STATEMENT ON REPORT OF SEEDING OF HURRICANE
FIFI

REFERENCE: TEGUCIGALPA 3032

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED BY NOAA JULY 15:

QUOTE: THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED TODAY BY DR.
EDWARD S. EPSTEIN, FEDERAL COORDINATOR FOR METEOROLOGICAL
SERVICES AND SUPPORTING RESEARCH. DR. EPSTEIN, WHO IS ALSO
ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND
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PREDICTION OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMIN-

ISTRATION, SAID "PRESS DISPATCHES TODAY QUOTE DR. JORGE VIVO OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO AS CHARGING THAT THE UNITED STATES--AND PRESUMABLY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE-- CAUSED THE LOSS OF 10,000 LIVES IN HONDURAS LAST FALL BY SEEDING HURRICANE FIFI AS IT APPROACHED FLORIDA. THE REPORT IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DID NOT SEED HURRICANE FIFI; NOR WAS IT EVER CONTEMPLATED. EVERY HURRICANE SEEDING EFFORT EVER MADE BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INTERNATIONALLY PUBLICIZED, AND THE LAST ONE WAS FOUR YEARS AGO." UNQUOTE

2. EMBASSIES MAY DRAW ON THIS RELEASE IN RESPONDING TO LOCAL INQUIRIES AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE. NOAA SUGGESTS EMBASSIES MAY WISH AT THEIR DISCRETION TO PASS RELEASE TO NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN HOST COUNTRY.

3. FOR AMEMBASSY MEXICO: THE ADMINISTRATOR OF NOAA IS RELAYING TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE IN A PERSONAL MESSAGE BY COMMERCIAL CABLE TO DR. AGUILAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MEXICAN DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND METEOROLOGY. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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